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SUBJECT: MIXED REACTION TO RECOMMENDATION ON USE PROPORTIONAL
REPRESENTATION IN ULSTER VOTE FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. WHITE PAPER OF APRIL 1 FIRM RECOMMENDATION THAT
NORTHERN IRELAND'S THREE MEMBERS EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BE
ELECTED BY PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IN ONE PROVINCE-
WIDE CONSTITUENCY HAS BEEN BITTERLY CRITICIZED BY OFFICIAL
AND DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS AND WELCOMED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP), ALLIANCE PARTY AND UNIONIST PARTY
NORTHERN IRELAND. MR. HARRY WEST LEADER OF OFFICIAL
UNIONISTS SAID LABOUR GOVERNMENT WAS "TRYING EVERY TRICK
IN THE BOOK" TO REDUCE UNIONIST REPRESENTATION IN EUROPE.
WILLIAM BEATTY DESCRIBED MOVE AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF
BIAS AGAINST LOYALIST MAJORITY. GERRY FITT LEADER OF SDLP
GREETED RECOMMENDATION AS ONE HE HAD URGED.

2. JOHN HUME, DEPUTY LEADER OF SDLP IS EXPECTED BE AMONG
STRONGER CANDIDATES FROM MINORITY. ANOTHER ULSTER CANDIDATE
IF MPS ARE ELIGIBLE, MAY BE REVEREND IAN PAISLEY WHO HAS
SUGGESTED HIS PRESENCE NECESSARY TO ADVANCE PROTESTANT
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